THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Lessons

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Background Scripture: I Corinthians 11
Devotional Reading: Colossians 3-12.

In Worship

Lesson for November 3, 1957

WHY do people go to church? There are very poor reasons, such as showing off a new hat, or keeping up a respectable front. There are reasons which are only middling-good, such as enjoying the music, or going to please your wife. There are also very good reasons; the best of these is simply to worship God.

Dr. Foreman

There are different ways Christian churches use in worshipping God, and it is rarely that one particular service makes use of one way alone. Hymns are one way, and prayer is another, and offering is another. But the way of worship which most churches feel to be most sacred is the observance known by the names of Eucharist, Lord's Supper, Holy Communion.

Long Years, Wide Road

What is the right spirit of worship? In particular, how can we make the most of Communion? Saint Paul offers us some plain and valuable hints in the letter he wrote to the church at Corinth. That church needed some plain-spoken help, for two reasons. For one thing, the Christian religion was hardly thirty years old. There was no long tradition, no prayer-book, no New Testament to go by. For another thing, many of the Corinthians Christians had been outright papans till recently, and pagans had some very odd notions about how to worship their gods, such as getting drunk in their temples. So Paul had to make some things clear. One is that the worshippers at the Lord's Table are not alone; there is a tradition behind them, there are hosts of other churches also at worship in this way. We worship best when we are mindful of the whole church of Christ. We are travelers on a road stretching through two thousand years now, not thirty years only—a road wide enough to take in worshippers from every country in the world. Remembering this, we shall be solemnly grateful that we too can share in this age-old Remembrance of Christ.

"In Remembrance of Me"

For this Lord's Supper is a rite of remembrance. How shall we best approach it? To come carelessly, thoughtlessly, is to cut ourselves off from its meaning and its blessing. We should come to it remembering the One in whose Name it is celebrated. But how shall we remember him? There is something more here than simple memory. We do not well remember a good mother's birthday by getting drunk, or by polishing off a shady deal, or by being hateful to members of our family. We best remember Washington not by making speeches about him but by being patriots ourselves. So we can best remember Christ not by being suddenly reminded of him by seeing that this is Communion Sunday, not by merely recalling that once such a Man lived and died. We come and worship in his name rightly when we come remembering, and praying for, his spirit in our lives. Those who get most out of Communion are usually those who have been keeping closest to their Lord.

Remembering Others

Protestant churches take seriously another thought in Paul's lines about the Lord's Supper. That is, that this is not something we can best do alone. There is room for private worship of God, and a necessity for it. But there is also room and necessity for the public worship of God, and the Holy Communion is public, social, communal, corporate, rather than private and individualistic. That is the way theologians would put it. For the plain worshipper, the point is this: In coming to this sacred high-point of worship, we shall get the most out of it if we give thought to others not less than to ourselves. We need to remember the Church in whose company this feast is kept. We need to remember the Body—not only the broken body of Christ, but the Church which Paul (in the very next chapter) calls the body of Christ. We need also to remember those who are in need. Most congregations use the Communion-time for special offerings for the poor or otherwise needy. So again, the right way to approach this hour of worship is to come already in the spirit of unselfishness. It is a poor sort of Christian who has to wait for the Communion service to remind him to love his neighbor as himself.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Oct. 29.- The Massie Hamilton Circle met in the home of Mrs. Earl Harris on Thursday night, with good attendance.

Mr. Calvin Coleman, of Chase City, visited his sisters, Mrs. Ernest Farrar and Mrs. D. A. Conner Saturday. Mrs. Conner has been ill, but is better at this time.

Mrs. E. W. Farrar and daughter, Patsy spent the week-end at Roanoke.

Mrs. James Elliott Cheatham and son, of St. Petersburg, Florida, visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham over the week-end.

David I. Garrett has been confined to his room a week with flu.

A number from here attended a revival at Mountain View Church last week.

A surprise birthday party was given Rev. J. E. Greene Saturday night. A large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett, of Alexandria spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner. Mrs. Warriner is on the sick list.

Mrs. Green Garrett, of Pamplin, visited Mrs. G. W. Glover last week.

Mrs. J. A. Young spent the week-end at Colonial Heights with Mrs. Eva Cawthorn. Mrs. Cawthorn returned home with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Evans, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his father, Mr. T. T. Evans, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harvey Sunday at Colonial Heights.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Greene and daughter, Kathy were the luncheon guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw and family visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday P. M.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Agriculture Department has announced that beginning Nov. 1, it would grade Christmas trees. Three grades of trees will be provided: U. S. Premium, U. S. No. 1 and U. S. No. 2. Use of the standards by the growers and sellers will be voluntary, however. Those who grade their trees and want a confirming Federal inspection can get it for a fee by applying to Federal fruit and vegetable inspection offices at shipping points or central markets.

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F. B. L. A. MEETING

The Future Business Leaders of America Chapter of the Appomattox High School held their monthly meeting on October 18. The meeting was called to order by the president, Norma Hillsman. As the meeting proceeded, the subject of how to make money for the club was discussed. Many good suggestions were made, and a committee was set up to decide the best way to make money for the club. Out of this money, the club plans to buy a club banner.

The club also elected the historian and reporter for the year. They are as follows: historian, Emily Phelps, and reporter, Ruth Austin.

The president also set up a scrapbook committee. Our scrapbook is entered in competition with scrapbooks from other schools. We are planning to have an outstanding scrapbook this year.

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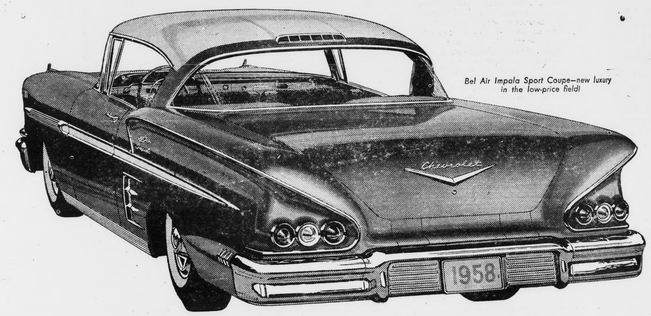

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rely looks like a "happy family." And the of this apparant happiness is obvious in the . They are people enoying a good standard ing in a free country, and they have been ing and bought lots of things. Now they are ly on the way home and as soon as they get e house, they will start opening their bundles hrilling over the success of their shopping trip. member of the family will have to "show off" dual purchases, and when all the wrappings been put away, they will even begin to wonwhat they will buy next time.

Americans are a blessed people, don't you think? We can live in a golden age of benefits and happy privileges.

Now BUSINESS, as you see, is a vital part in the life of every family. Good jobs are the basic foundation of a happy living standard. But, all the money in the world wouldn't put the happy expression on the faces above, unless there had been good places for them to go to invest their money in purchases and conduct business affairs. Yes, the ready availability of BUSINESS PLACES, with all the Services and Commodities we seek, is a pretty big part of our way of life.

That is what we thought of, when we studied this picture. We thought that our fine Town of Appomattox HAS WHAT IT TAKES to put a happy smile on the face of each member of the family. A good slogan we might offer is: *"Let's do our business in Appomattox!"*

Even a quick glance down the list of businesses at the bottom of this page, will convince you that Appomattox has an answer to your business needs. Our banks, our auto sales and service agencies, our hardware stores, our building materials firms, our utilities, and service stations, our fine group of modern stores, etc., all bear testimony to the fact that you can find the service and the commomdity you want in Appomattox.

And, too, the more you *"Trade at home,"* the more your dollars will do to build your home community. Please bear that in mind. It is "One for all and all for one!"

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